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SUBJ: DENYING LUXEMBOURG AIRPORT TO NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS

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1. CHARGE AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR MET SEPTEMBER 5 WITH MR. MARCEL MARSON, GOL DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS, TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS REFTEL. MARSON SAID GOL WOULD, OF COURSE, BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE ONE OR TWO SENIOR US CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN MID OR LATE SEPTEMBER FOR DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION OF TRAINING NEEDS.

2. ON TRAINING QUESTION MARSON SAID KEY CUSTOMS AND POLICE OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRUG CONTROL HAVE ALREADY PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL TRAINING COURSES IN FRANCE AND GERMANY. THE HEAD OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT, CAPT. FERNAND DIDERICH, IN FACT, HAD A FULL MONTH OF DEA TRAINING IN THE US SEVERAL YEARS AGO. MARSON ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ADDITIONAL TRAINING IS ALWAYS HELPFUL, BUT SAID HE WOULD LIKE
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TO DISCUSS THE TRAINING COURSE IN SOME DETAIL WITH

VISITING US CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TO BE SURE THAT IT WOULD NOT DUPLICATE COURSES ALREADY TAKEN.

3. IN REGARD TO DETECTOR DOGS, LUXEMBOURG CUSTOMS ALREADY HAS FOUR. THEY ARE NOT, HOWEVER, AT THE AIRPORT BUT AT FRONTIER STATIONS BECAUSE THEIR HANDLERS HAPPEN TO BE STATIONED THERE. NEITHER MARSON NOR DIDERICH ARE ENTIRELY CONVINCED THAT THE CONTRIBUTION OF DETECTOR DOGS IS WORTH THE TIME AND TROUBLE OF HANDLING THEM BUT ARE ALSO PREPARED TO DISCUSS DEMONSTRATION DOG TEAM WITH US CUSTOMS VISITORS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: BELIEVE NEXT STEP IS TO INFORM GOL AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL OF POSSIBLE VISIT. IN DOING SO WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE NAMES AND RANK OF CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WHO WILL COME TO LUXEMBOURG AND SEVERAL DATES IN SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER TO SUGGEST.
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